



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held October 7, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Sheriff's recommendation to authorize the Sheriff to accept the State Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice's Fiscal Year 2008-09 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award, in total amount of \$1,057,121 with no County matching funds, for the purpose of improving DNA analysis capacity and the infrastructure of the existing crime laboratory; authorize the Sheriff to execute grant award and all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations to the grant when necessary.

Robert W. Taylor, Assistant Director, Scientific Services Bureau, Commander Earl M. Shields, Technical Services Division, Kenneth W. Howard, Supervising Criminologist, Scientific Services Bureau and Sergeant Daniel J. Scott, Special Victims Bureau of the Sheriff's Department answered questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Sheriff's attached recommendation; and
2. Requested the Sheriff to report back to the Board within 30 days, and present findings at the Board meeting of November 12, 2008, on:
 - What it would take to inventory the items being held at the Sheriff's Central Property and Evidence Unit to determine the number of untested sexual assault kits; and
 - A long-term strategy for automating the current file-keeping process.

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Attachment

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Sheriff